



December 17, 2007

**OFFERORS:**

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 1 to Request for Proposal No. REE-8-77582 for  
"Updating *Wind Turbine Interactions with Birds and Bats: a Summary of Research Results and Remaining Questions*"

Amendment No. 1 provides questions and answers.

**Question 1:** Is the proposed updated fact sheet to have the same format and level of technical detail as the original one?

**Answer 1:** The Offeror should propose a format for the revised fact sheet. The level of technical detail should be the same as the original fact sheet.

**Question 2:** Is the proposed update to have a similar length?

**Answer 2:** The length of the updated fact sheet should be whatever is needed to cover the material.

**Question 3:** Will new topics be added to the update and who will determine what additional topics to consider and add?

**Answer 3:** The Offeror should identify what topics the revised fact sheet will contain.

**Question 4:** What is the purpose of the reference list and will the updated fact sheet have citations?

**Answer 4:** The purpose of the reference list is to allow the review panel an opportunity to ensure that the Offeror is evaluating all pertinent material. Citations should be included in the fact sheet as end notes.

**Question 5:** Who is the intended audience for the Fact Sheet?

**Answer 5:** The intended audience is the general public.

**Question 6:** Will NREL coordinate the review panel's reviews, comments and provide a single summary of pertinent comments requiring revision?

**Answer 6:** Yes.



**Question 7:** What would be considered “subcontracts or proposals that stem directly from the subcontractors” and “advisory and assistance work” described in Article 11, B.1 “Use of Subcontractor’s Work Product” (i)? Does this article preclude the subcontractor from being eligible to work on any projects related to the effects of wind power on birds or bats? Please clarify.

**Answer 7:** Organizational Conflicts of Interest (OCI) means that, because of other activities or relationships, a subcontractor is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to NREL or the subcontract’s objectivity in performing the subcontract work is or might be impaired, or the subcontractor will or may obtain an unfair competitive advantage.

Advisory and Assistance Services means those services provided under subcontract by nongovernmental sources to support or improve: organizational policy development; decision-making; management and administration; program and/or project management and administration; or research and development activities.

An example of “Use of Subcontractor’s Work Product” and “subcontracts or proposals that stem directly from the subcontractors” would be if the subcontractor were to help NREL develop a statement of work (SOW) for a future work effort. In this case the subcontractor who developed the SOW would not be allowed to participate in the subject effort.

The proposed statement of work does not indicate any work effort that in our opinion, would exclude the subcontractor from future work efforts.

Please fill out the appropriate form, either the Disclosure Statement or the Representation Statement, under the Organizational Conflict of Interest section (See NREL website in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document under item 12). NREL uses the subcontractor’s response to determine whether or not the subcontract has or has the potential for an Organizational Conflict of Interest.

**Question 8:** ERO currently has a pre-negotiated GSA agreement with negotiated rates that can be used for federal contracts. Can this contract be used for this work in order to save time?

**Answer 8:** It is up to the Offeror to decide what rates to propose. NREL does accept GSA rates.

**Question 9:** Who are the stakeholders?

**Answer 9:** The stakeholder groups represented on the NWCC WL WG include utility and utility regulators, state government and agencies, wind industry, federal agencies, environmental and conservation organizations, tribal government, and international entities.

**Question 10:** Would direct interaction with stakeholders be expected or encouraged?

**Answer 10:** Direct interaction with stakeholders would be done as necessary.



**Question 11:** What are the criteria for selecting appropriate references? Should only published and/or peer-reviewed studies be considered, or can technical reports, graduate studies, and other documents be included?

**Answer 11:** The Offeror should identify its criteria for selecting appropriate references.

**Question 12:** Should the literature search be limited to research conducted following the release of the 2004 Fact Sheet?

**Answer 12:** The Offeror should identify its criteria for selecting appropriate references.

**Question 13:** Is there a quality rating system that should be applied during the literature review to take into account whether or not research has been published, peer reviewed, etc.? If not, would this be a useful tool for the subcontractor to develop?

**Answer 13:** The Offeror should identify its proposed criteria for selecting appropriate references. It is up to the Offeror to propose how they intend to obtain and evaluate reference materials.

Sincerely,

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